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USUN FOR AMBASSADORS BENNETT AND STOTTLEMYER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, ECOSOC, AORG, UNDRO
SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC--UNDRO

REF: A. USUN 3117; B. GENEVA 6177; C. STATE 178024
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1. WHILE I HAVE NOT PERSONALLY BEEN ABLE TO FOLLOW
ALL DETAILS OF THE UNDRO SAGA AT THIS SESSION, I HAVE
NO DOUBT THAT MR. BERKOL'S OPERATION COULD DO WITH
SOME CLEANING UP. AS FOR DAVIDSON'S CONCERNS OUTLINED
REFTEL A, HOWEVER, WE HAVE SIMPLY CARRIED OUT THE
INSTRUCTIONS IN THE POSITION PAPER TRANSMITTED IN
REFTEL C. THIS PAPER STATES IN PARA 3 "THE US BELIEVES
THAT, PROVIDED UNDRO ADHERES TO THE OBJECTIVES
AND PRIORITIES OUT-LINED ABOVE, ITS ONGOING
OPERATIONS OF COORDINATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES
SHOULD BE FUNDED BY THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
THROUGH THE REGULAR BUDGET OF THE UN BEGINNING
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IN 1978." THE REFERENCE TO "OBJECTIVES AND

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PRIORITIES" IS A REITERATION OF OUR LONG-STANDING
VIEW THAT UNDRO SHOULD, FIRST AND FOREMOST, SERVE
AS A COORDINATING MECHANISM RATHER THAN AS AN OPERATING
RELIEF AGENCY.

2. WE CONCLUDED FROM THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTION
THAT WASHINGTON BELIEVES THE US SHARE OF FUTURE
UNDRO EXPENSES WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER, THAN
WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE, IF TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSES WERE PART OF THE REGULAR UN BUDGET.
MOREOVER, THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE A MEANS OF
BROADENING OUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNDRO'S
FINANCING AND REGULARIZING THE SITUATION THE US
HELPED CREATE.

3. REFTELS B AND D REPORT WHAT HAPPENED HERE. I
GATHER THAT THE DIE IS NOT IRREVOCABLY CAST--
PARTICULARLY GIVEN VIEWS OF SOME OF THE OTHER
WESTERN COUNTRIES--AND THAT THE MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED
FURTHER IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL. I
PERSONALLY HAVE NO BRIEF FOR ANY PARTICULAR VIEW.
WHAT I AM PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT
ALL ON THE US SIDE HAVE A COMMON POSITION,
ONE THAT IS CLEARLY ENDORSED IN WASHINGTON
BY BOTH STATE AND AID. PERHAPS STOTTLEMYER SHOULD
SEEK ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND FROM WASHINGTON
GIVEN FACT THAT THE INSTRUCTION TELEGRAM (REF. C)
WAS NOT REPEATED TO USUN. CATTO

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